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CAPTAIN AMERICA
Legendary
super-soldier



SPIDER-MAN
Wise-cracking
wall-crawler



WOLVERINE
Feral mutant



LUKE CAGE
Steel-hard
powerhouse



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Alien-altered
warrior



THE FALCON
Aerial expert



COUNTDOWN TO LATVERIAN/ SYMKARIAN WAR: T MINUS 15 HOURS, 22 MINUTES

With the neighboring Eastern European nations of SYMKARIA and LATVERIA hours away from a devastating war, S.H.I.E.L.D. sends super-soldier CAPTAIN AMERICA to lead a New Avengers "stealth" team into Latverian territory. There, they discover a mysterious Array saturating the surrounding area with unknown radiation. When the Avengers enter the Array, they are attacked by unseen machines — which then take Spider-Man captive.

Meanwhile, Doctor Doom — absolute ruler of Latveria — is believed to have gone underground.

OPTIMUS PRIME and his AUTOBOTS — extraterrestrial robots from the planet Cybertron, who are capable of transforming themselves into ordinary-looking vehicles — are monitoring the costumed heroes. The Autobots learn the truth: the Array, under the command of MEGATRON and the evil DECEPTICONS, is emitting an "Aggression Wave" that's whipping Symkaria and Latveria into a war fever — and warping the minds and judgment of the Avengers as well.

Optimus Prime makes the difficult decision to reveal the Autobots' existence to the Avengers — and to warn them away from the Array. But the sudden appearance of five giant, transforming robots spurs the already unstable Avengers to attack!

OPTIMUS PRIME
Commander
in chief



PROWL
Unit
commander



BUMBLEBEE
Intelligence



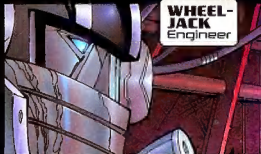
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Medic



JAZZ
Communi-
cations



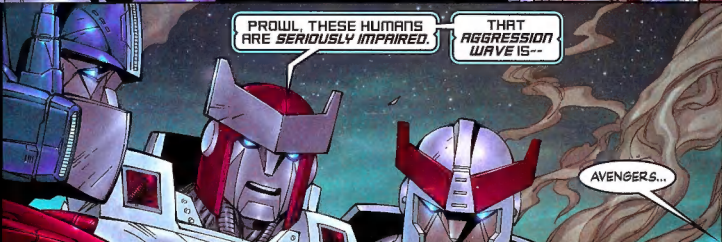
WHEEL-JACK
Engineer



PROWL, THESE HUMANS
ARE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED.

THAT
AGGRESSION
WAVE IS--

AVENGERS...





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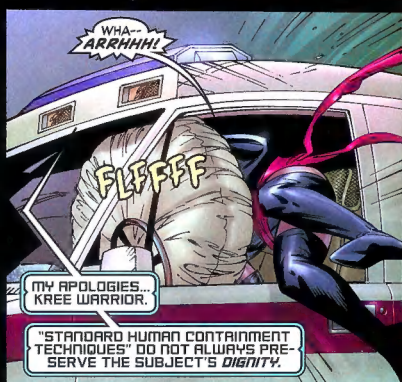
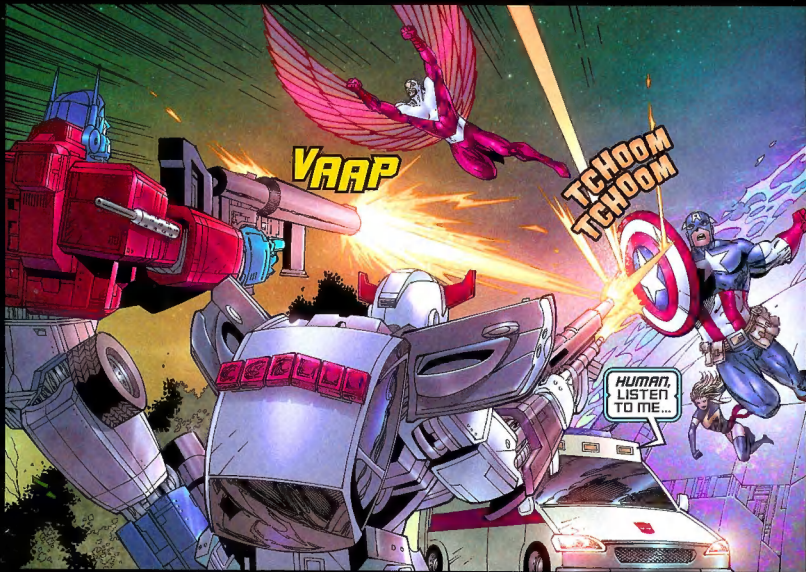
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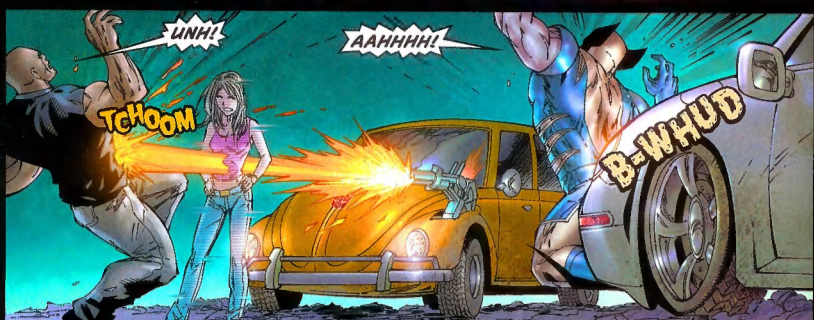
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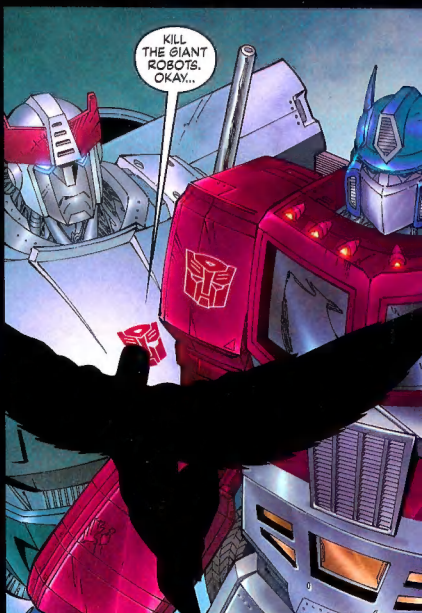
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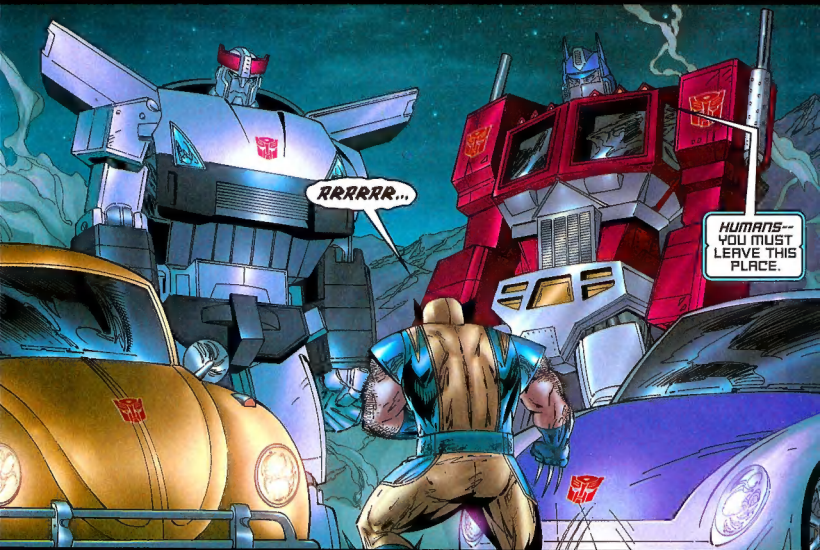
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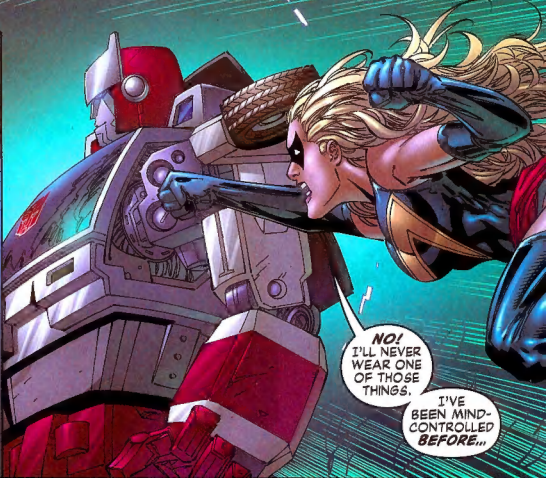






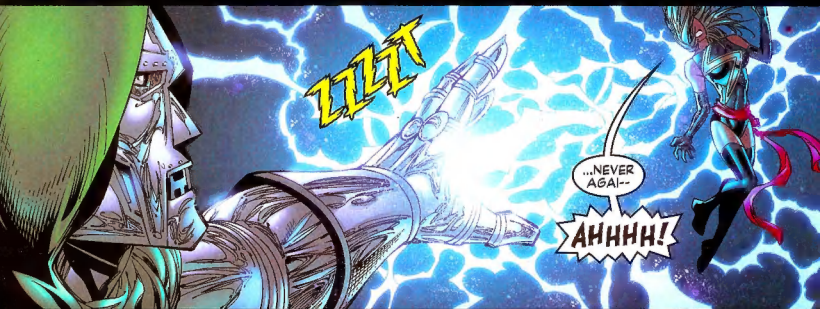
EXAMINE
THESE
INHIBITORS.
HUMAN.

I DESIGNED THEM
MYSELF-TO PROTECT
YOU FROM THE
AGGRESSION WAVE.



NO!
I'LL NEVER
WEAR ONE
OF THOSE
THINGS.

I'VE
BEEN MIND-
CONTROLLED
BEFORE...



ZZZT

...NEVER
AGAI--

AAAAH!



DOOM, IF
YOU HURT ONE MORE
AVENGER-I WON'T BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
WHAT HAPPENS.

NOW...**SOMEONE**
BETTER EXPLAIN WHAT'S
GOING ON.

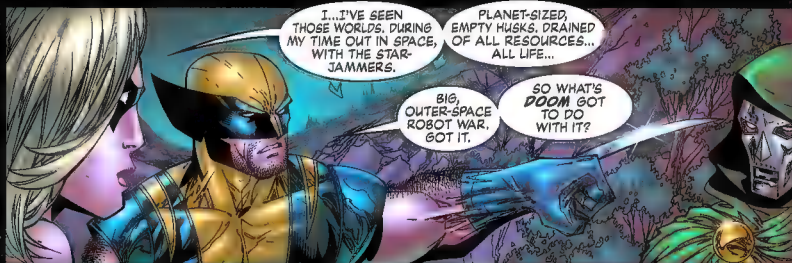
IT IS A
SIMPLE,
SAD STORY.
HUMAN.

WE AUTOBOTS
HAVE STOOD
AGAINST THE
DECEPTONS
FOR EONS.

THEY USE
DEVICES
LIKE **THIS**
TO EXPLOIT
WORLDS--
DRIVE THE
POPULACE
TO WAR...

...THEN
STRIP THOSE
DEVASTATED
WORLDS OF
ENERGON
FUEL.





I...I'VE SEEN THOSE WORLDS, DURING MY TIME OUT IN SPACE, WITH THE STAR-JAMMERS.

PLANET-SIZED, EMPTY HUSKS, DRAINED OF ALL RESOURCES... ALL LIFE...

BIG, OUTER-SPACE ROBOT WAR. GOT IT.

SO WHAT'S DOOM GOT TO DO WITH IT?



I AM A **MAN**, LIKE YOU-- A CITIZEN OF THIS PLANET. AND MY FIRST PRIORITY IS MY **PEOPLE**.

I WILL NOT SEE THEM DESTROYED BY **ME** **MACHINES**.

HUH...!



THIS... **ARRAY**... WAS PLANTED ON **MY LAND** WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE. NATURALLY I ATTEMPTED ITS REMOVAL.

YOU SEE THE RESULTS.

YOU SAID SOMETHING BEFORE...ABOUT THE **AGGRESSION-WAVE** TECHNOLOGY?



YES, THREE MONTHS AGO, A VERSION OF MY MIND-CONTROLLING **PSYCHO-PRISM** WAS STOLEN FROM A NEARBY LABORATORY.

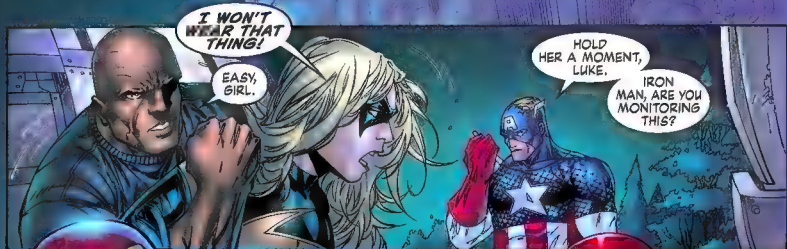
THE ITEM IN QUESTION WAS MERELY A **PROTOTYPE**--NOT DESIGNED FOR **PRECISE** MENTAL CONTROL. YET SUFFICIENT TO TWIST HUMAN MINDS INTO A **MURDEROUS RAGE**.



UH...**RATCHET**? THESE DEVICES...THEY SHOULD PROTECT US?

I DESIGNED THEM BASED ON MY RECENT ANALYSES OF HUMAN PHYS--

NO!



I WON'T WEAR THAT THING!

EASY, GIRL.

HOLD HER A MOMENT, LUKE.

IRON MAN, ARE YOU MONITORING THIS?

COPY, CAP.

WITH MY INTEREST IN TECH, I'VE BEEN MONITORING RUMORS FOR SOME TIME OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL ROBOTS LIVING COVERTLY AMONG US.

THIS CONFIRMS IT.

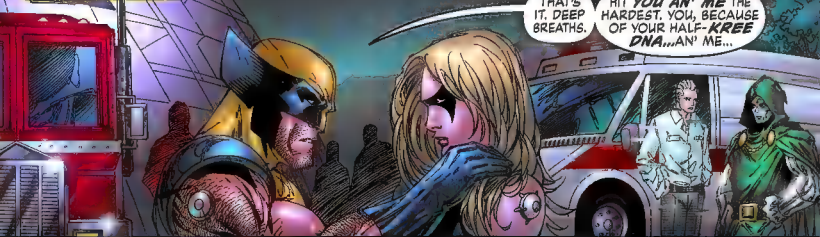
...CAN YOU VET IT FOR US?

HMM...LOOKS LIKE A SIMPLE **SYNAPSE REGULATOR**, WITH A LOW-LEVEL **SEIZURE INHIBITOR**.

SHOULD BE HARMLESS ENOUGH, CAP.

YOU HEARD HIM, CAROL. IT'S SAFE TO WEAR...
...PLEASE?

Ten minutes later...



THAT'S
IT. DEEP
BREATHS.

THAT WAVE
HIT **YOU AN' ME** THE
HARDEST. YOU, BECAUSE
OF YOUR HALF-**KREE**
DNA... AN' ME...



...CAUSE
I'M JUST A
NASTY PIECE
OF WORK.

IF **THESE**
ARE THE PLANES
THAT HAVE BEEN
SHELLING SYMKARIA,
THEY ARE **NOT**
MINE.



THEY'RE
DECEPTONS.
ROBOTS IN
DISGUISE.

THESE ARE
SKYWARP...
AND **THUNDER-
CRACKER.**

THAT WON'T
STOP IT FROM
ERUPTING INTO
UTTER CHAOS--
IN JUST UNDER
FOURTEEN
HOURS.

AREN'T
WE FORGETTIN'
SOMETHING
ELSE?

SPIDER-MAN'S
STILL **TRAPPED** IN
THERE!

SO THIS
WHOLE WAR
IS JUST A
SETUP!

I'M
NOT FORGET-
TING A **THING**,
LOGAN.

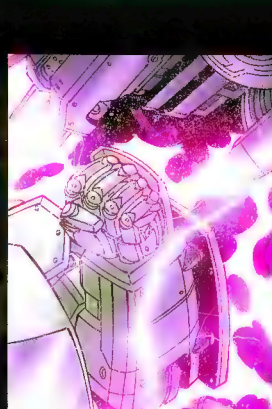
EVERYTHING HERE
ADDS UP TO A **SINGLE**
OBJECTIVE...



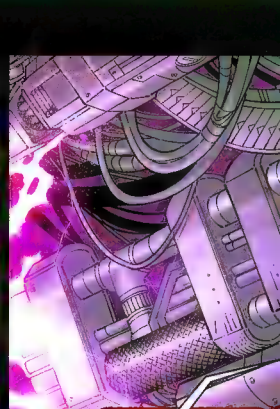
"...WE'VE GOT TO
GET INSIDE."

RAHHH!

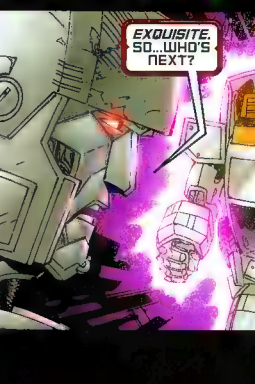
DRINK DEEP,
RUNAMUCK...



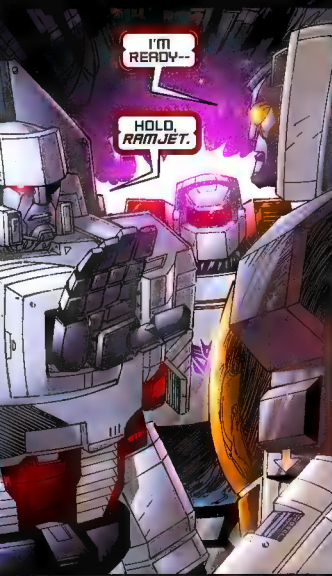
...YOU WILL BE
THE FIRST OF THE
DECEPTICONS TO
BENEFIT FROM
OUR STRATEGY...



...TO BOTH RESPOND
TO AND FEED OFF
THE VERY STRENGTH
OF OUR ENEMIES.



EXQUISITE.
SO...WHO'S
NEXT?



I'M
READY--

HOLD,
ARMJET.

YOU ARRIVED ON
EARTH LESS THAN
HALF A MEGA-
CYCLE AGO.

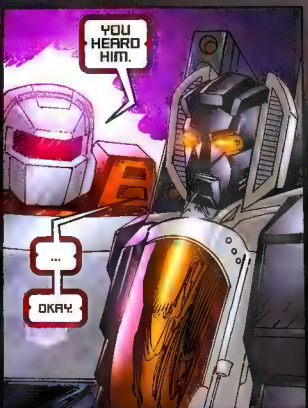
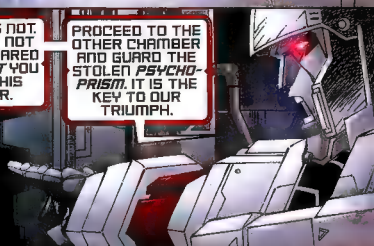
A SUSPICIOUS
MIND MIGHT THINK
YOU'D COME HERE
TO *USURP* MY
AUTHORITY.



MEGATRON...!
WOULD NEVER--

PERHAPS NOT.
BUT I AM NOT
YET PREPARED
TO *TRUST* YOU
WITH THIS
POWER.

PROCEED TO THE
OTHER CHAMBER
AND GUARD THE
STOLEN *PSYCHO-
PRISM*. IT IS THE
KEY TO OUR
TRIUMPH.



YOU
HEARD
HIM.

...
OKAY.

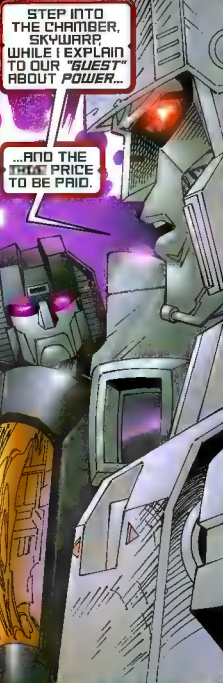


THE PRICE OF
POWER...IS
ETERNAL
VIGILANCE.

UH...

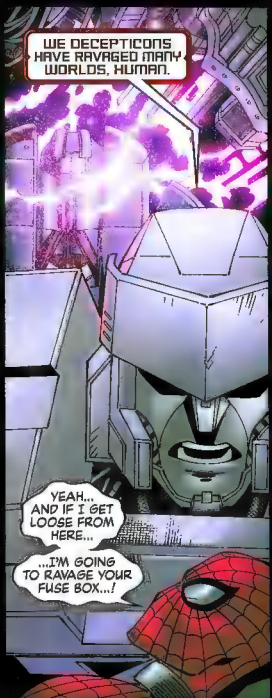


...I
THOUGHT
THAT WAS
"FREEDOM."



STEP INTO
THE CHAMBER,
SKYWARRP,
WHILE I EXPLAIN
TO OUR "GUEST"
ABOUT POWER...

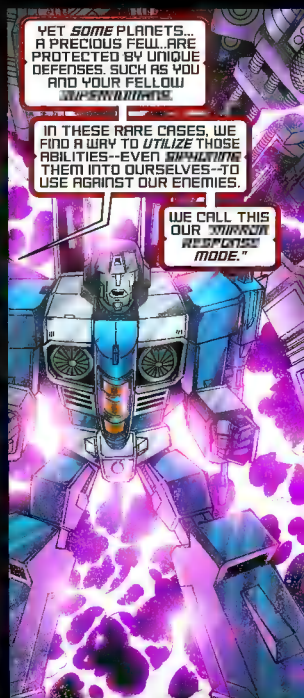
...AND THE
TRUE PRICE
TO BE PAID.



WE DECEPTICONS
HAVE RAVAGED MANY
WORLDS, HUMAN.

YEAH...
AND IF I GET
LOOSE FROM
HERE...

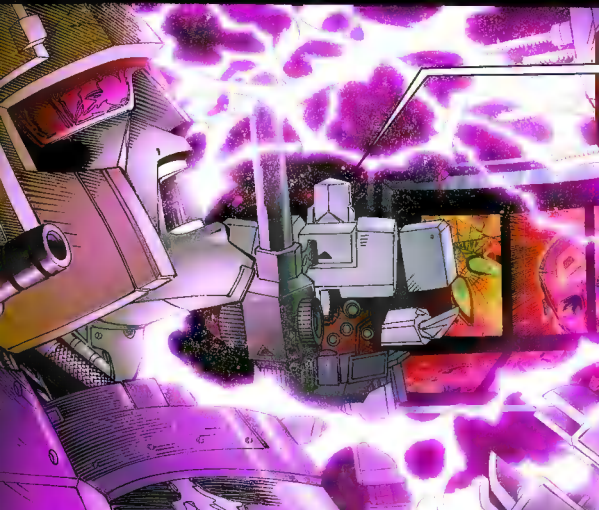
...I'M GOING
TO RAVAGE YOUR
FUSE BOX...!



YET *SOME* PLANETS...
A PRECIOUS FEW... ARE
PROTECTED BY UNIQUE
DEFENSES. SUCH AS YOU
AND YOUR FELLOW
SUPERHEROES.

IN THESE RARE CASES, WE
FIND A WAY TO *UTILIZE* THOSE
ABILITIES--EVEN *SWITCHING*
THEM INTO OURSELVES--TO
USE AGAINST OUR ENEMIES.

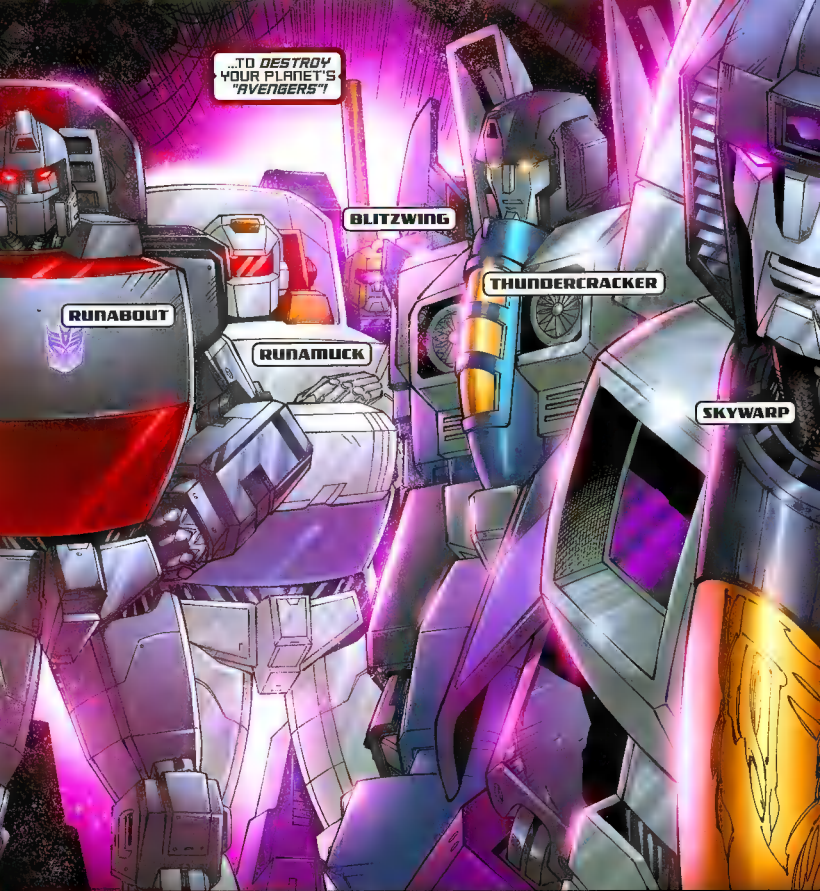
WE CALL THIS
OUR "MIRROR
RESPONSE
MODE."



WHEN WE SCANNED
YOU AND YOUR FELLOW
HUMANS, OUR ANALYSES
SHOWED THE GREATEST
ANOMALIES IN YOUR
BLOOD. FURTHER, WE
DETERMINED IT COULD
BE *MINED*...

...INTO THE MOST
POWERFUL ISOTOPE
OF *ENERGON* WE'D
YET ENCOUNTERED.

MORE THAN
SUFFICIENT TO GRANT
MY LOYAL
DECEPTICON
WARRIORS ENOUGH
POWER...



...TO DESTROY
YOUR PLANET'S
"AVENGERS"!

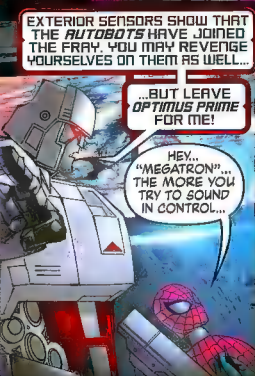
BLITZWING

THUNDERCRACKER

RUNABOUT

RUNAMUCK

SKYWARP



EXTERIOR SENSORS SHOW THAT
THE *AUTOBOTS* HAVE JOINED
THE FRAY. YOU MAY REVENGE
YOURSELVES ON THEM AS WELL...

...BUT LEAVE
OPTIMUS PRIME
FOR ME!

HEY...
"*MEGATRON*"...
THE MORE YOU
TRY TO SOUND
IN CONTROL...



...THE MORE
DESPERATE YOU
SOUND.

YOU
KNOW
THAT?



WE SHALL
SEE, HUMAN.

WE
SHALL
SEE...



SVARK

SVARK

SO YOU'RE A
COMBAT MEDIC?
I GOT A BUDDY
USED TO DO
THAT.

BRUTAL
WORK...

YES. IT
CAN...
GET TO
YOU...



THE
FOOLS.

TO THINK
THE FUTURE OF
MY NATION MAY
RELY ON SUCH
AS THESE...

YEAH?
I DON'T SEE
YOU HELPIN'
OUT HERE!

SEEMS
LIKE ALL YOU
WANT IS FOR
US TO DO YOUR
DIRTY
WORK!



VERY
PERCEPTIVE,
MUTANT. WHAT
ELSE ARE ONE'S
LESSERS
FOR?

YOU'RE
ABOUT TO BE
TWO PINTS
OF BLOOD
LESS.



CAPTAIN AMERICA...THE
ARRAY'S FORCE FIELD IS
HOLDING. WE CANNOT
BREAK THROUGH IT.

HOWEVER...WITH YOUR
AID, WE AUTOBOTS MAY
KNOW ANOTHER WAY TO--

HOW
CHARMING.



AN
ALLIANCE BETWEEN TWO
DISGUISTINGLY
INFERIOR
SPECIES.

DOOM
WILL HAVE
NONE
OF
IT.



BY ALL
MEANS, CONTINUE
TO ATTACK THAT OBJECT
WITH YOUR *STICKS*
AND *STONES*.

I
WILL TRAVEL
TO SYMKARIA...
AND BROKER A
DIPLOMATIC
SOLUTION.



DO WE
TRUST THAT
GUY?

NO.
BUT WE'VE
GOT OUR
HANDS FULL
HERE.



SYARK
SYARK



PERHAPS
HE WILL
SUCCEED
IN HIS
MISSION.

RATCHET CANNOT
PRODUCE ENOUGH
INHIBITOR DEVICES
TO CALM AN ENTIRE
NATION.

MEANWHILE,
WE'RE DOWN TO TWELVE
HOURS TILL THE SYMKARIANS
ATTACK--AND WE'RE CLEARLY
NOT GOING TO GET INSIDE
THAT THING BY BRUTE
FORCE...



COMING FROM THE ARRAY...
DECEPTICONS!



**AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!**



AUTOBOTS.
ROLL OUT!
RAHHH!

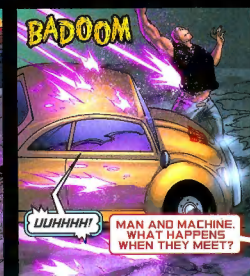


CHKOOM



PRIME!

THAT'S--IMPOSSIBLE.
THUNDERCRACKER
NEVER HAD THAT KIND
OF FIREPOWER BEFORE--



BADOOM

UHHHHH!

MAN AND MACHINE.
WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN THEY MEET?



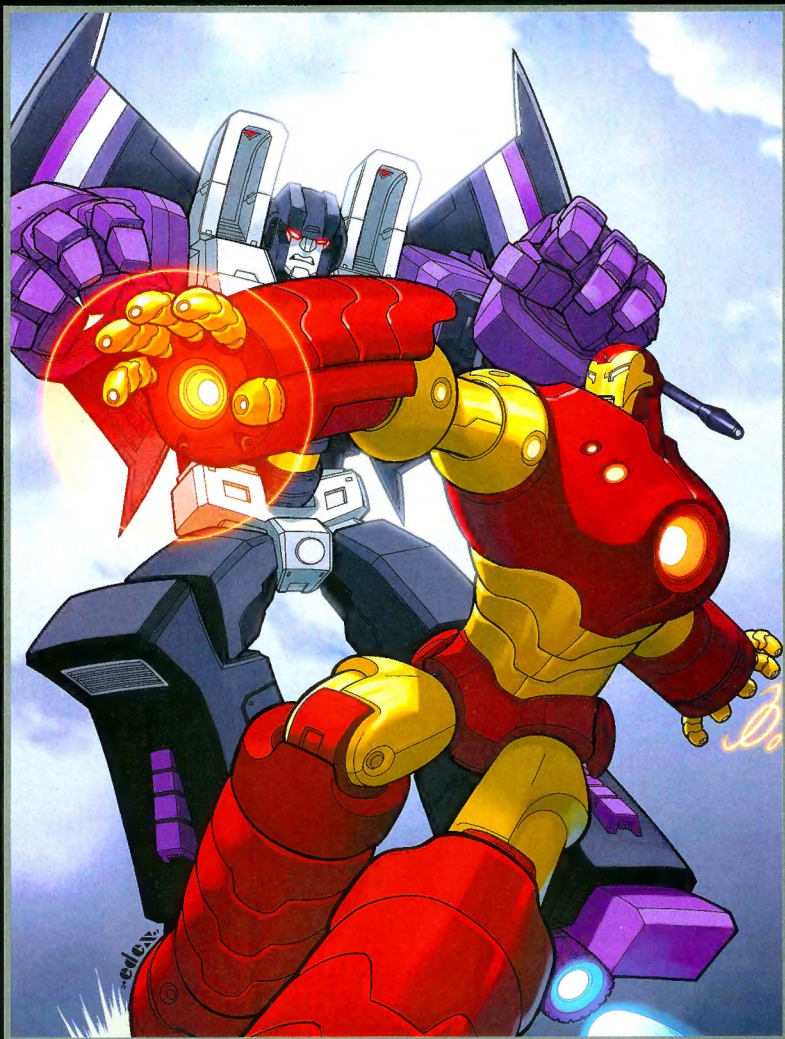
YOU CALL IN
AN EXPERT...



...KNOW
ANYBODY
LIKE
THAT?

**TO BE
CONTINUED**

NEXT ISSUE:



DID SOMEONE SAY GIANT ROBOTS?!